MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (2) of the answer given, may I know how long the Government would watch the arrangement?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that definitely.

Posting of Excise Officers at Devicolam and in the Salt Factories.

280. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any principle is followed in the posting of subordinates at Devicolam and at the salt factories in South Travancore by the Excise Commissioner?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no definite principle in regard to the posting of subordinates to the Devicolam and Salt Factories Divisions. The exigencies of the service are the determining factors.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the subordinates do not like to be at Devicolam and in the Salt Factories Division for a long time on account of various difficulties?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some may like and others may not. It is a question of individual likes and dislikes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are the Government aware that not many of the subordinates are remaining at Devicolam for a long time?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI ((*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That matter has not been brought to the notice of the Government.

Removal of Liquor Shops from Valiaturai.

281. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Is it a fact that the inhabitants of Valiaturai petitioned the Excise Commissioner regarding the removal of the toddy and arrack shops to a distant place from their present sites and, if so, what action has been taken on it?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. A petition was received by the Excise Commissioner on the subject of the removal of toddy shop No. 9 to another site and orders were issued by him for removing the shop to an unobjectionable site. The shop has been abolished for the next contract for the years 1102-1103.

Protector of Depressed Classes.

282. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they have decided to appoint a separate officer as the Protector of the Depressed Classes and that they have selected a Tiyya gentleman from Cochin for the place?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to state the reason for selecting a foreigner for the post?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The answer to each question is in the negative.

Records in the Chief Engineer's Office.

283. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that many of the files in the Chief Engineer's office are missing?

(*b*) If so, who is the officer responsible?

(*c*) Will they be pleased to institute an urgent inquiry into the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Workshop Committee's Report.

284. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any order on the Workshop Committee's report; if not, what is the reason for such a long delay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Orders have been passed and are under issue.

Appointment of Dr. Noble on the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

285. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state what induced them to appoint Dr. Noble as a member of the Administrative Board, Medical Services?

(2) Was it because no competent Travancorean was found in the medical service of the State that Dr. Noble was chosen?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government considered Dr. Noble to be well-suited for such a part-time appointment.

(2) No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why a foreigner is preferred for the post while the Government admit that there are competent persons in the medical service in the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is given there. Government considered Dr. Noble to be well-suited and they selected him. The selection is left to the discretion of the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether he had any additional qualifications which made him well-suited for the post?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He has the necessary qualifications for the post.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My question is whether he had any *additional* qualifications.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): My answer is that he has the *necessary* qualification.

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